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SUBJECT: TERRORIST THREAT TO AXXON REFINERY IN ARUBA

REF: CURACAO 02-7; STATE 97703 AND PREVIOUS

COMMODORE F.B. HAMILTON, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE DUTCH NAVAL FORCES IN THE NA, HAS INFORMED ME THAT ON MAY 16: 1974 HE REDUCED SEA AND AIR PATROL FOR THE ARUBA REFINERY AREA TO THE SAME LEVEL OF ACTIVITY THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO THE RECENT EMERGENCY THAT WAS ACTIVATED ON MAY 1 BY INFORMATION IN REFTELS. HE STATED HIS REASONS FOR DOING THIS WERE BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN NO FURTHER INFORMATION SUBSTANTIATING THE RELIABILITY OF THE SOURCE AND BECAUSE OF LIMITATIONS OF DUTCH NAVY PERSONNEL (PARTICULARLY PILOTS) COMBINED WITH FATIGUE OF EQUIPMENT. HE SAID THAT HE NOW HAD NO SMALL BOATS ON REGULAR PATROL BUT HAD ONE ON 24 HOUR STANDBY BASIS IN THE HARBOR AT ARUBA AND THAT THE DUTCH NAVY PLANES WERE NOW AGAIN FLYING ON ROUTINE STAGGERED SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS.

COMMENT: 1. CONGEN IS OF THE OPINION THAT COMMODORE HAMILTON REDUCED HIS SECURITY OPERATIONS ONLY WITH FULL CONSENT OF THE ONA.

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2. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT INCREASED DUTCH NAVY

SECURITY MEASURES WILL AGAIN BE ACTIVATED UNLESS
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE RELIABILITY OF THE SOURCE OR
OTHER CONFIRMING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.
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